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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09STATE18236	2009-02-26 22:38	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Secretary of State

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REF: A) 07 STATE 119630 B) 07 WINDHOEK 000458 C) 09 WINDHOEK 00063 D) 07 STATE 93518 E) 07 LONDON 002848 F) 09 WINDHOEK 00065

Classified By: A A/S Eliot Kang, for reasons 1.4 (b), (d), and (e)

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 10.

[1](#)2. (SBU) SUMMARY: Irans limited indigenous supply of uranium makes it nearly impossible to support its current and future nuclear reactor capa

[1](#)3. (SBU) OBJECTIVE:

-- To encourage the UK and Australian governments to remind the Namibian government that UN Security Council resolution 1737 prohibits the sale

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[1](#)4. (SBU) As a consequence of its geology, Irans indigenous uranium reserves are insufficient to support its current nuclear power reactor prog

[1](#)5. (SBU) Iran could soon begin to look for outside suppliers of uranium, either through uranium producers or countries with uranium mines both

[1](#)6. (SBU) Iran has turned to the international market in the past, including by importing 531 tons of uranium ore concentrate, commonly referre

[1](#)7. (SBU) Under OP 3 of UNSC resolution 1737 and OP8 of UNSC 1803, states must prevent the export of nuclear-related items described in S/2006/

[1](#)8. (S) A recent press article reported that Namibias Prime Minister Nahas Angula said that Namibia will not heed calls by individual countries

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[1](#)9. (SBU) BEGIN NONPAPER:

-- We are concerned about the article written by Nangula Shejavali in the Namibia press (3 February 2009) indicating that the GRN would allow I

-- Iran could soon begin, or may have begun, to look for outside suppliers of uranium to build up its stockpile of uranium and to further its a

-- As a consequence of its geology, Irans reported indigenous uranium reserves are insufficient to support its current nuclear power reactor pr

-- The IAEA's report of 19 February 2009 indicates that well over two-thirds of Irans available uranium yellowcake has been processed at its Urs

-- Under OP 3 of UNSC resolution 1737 states must prevent the supply, sale, or transfer of specified items, materials, equipment, goods, and te

-- Specifically, the transfer of natural uranium, in any form, is explicitly prohibited by the UNSC. This includes the transfer of uranium ore

-- Transfer of low enriched uranium, contained in fuel rods, and for a light water reactor is permitted, but requires notification to the UNSC

-- Iran would not need to engage in such an effort if it would accept the P5 ls generous offer of guaranteed nuclear fuel supply to Iran, conta

-- Moreover, low enriched uranium fuel for power reactors can be securely procured on the international market at lower cost than Iranian indig

-- Extreme vigilance in dealing with Iran and its nuclear program is necessary given the requirements of the UN Security Council and the signif

----- END NONPAPER -----

[1](#)10. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: Posts are requested to inform host government officials of U.S. concerns regarding the possibility of an Iranian att

[1](#)11. (U) Post is requested to report any substantive responses by 4 March 2009. Judee Allen-Close (ISN/RA, 202-736-4686,) and Breck Heidlberg CLINTON